

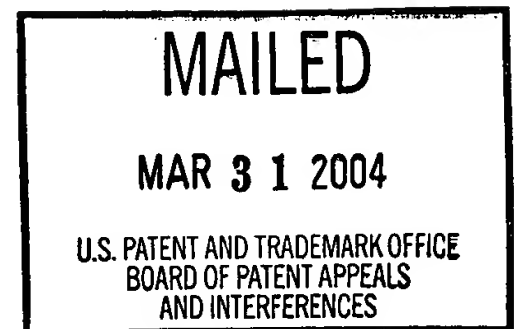
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte SATOSHI NAKAMURA

Application No. 09/818,686



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 13, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellant filed a Reply Brief dated October 20, 2003, in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed August 19, 2003. It is not apparent from the record that the Examiner acknowledged receipt and/or consideration of the Reply Brief.

Accordingly, it is

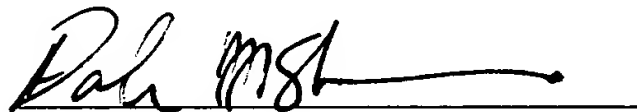
ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to formally acknowledge

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receipt and consideration of the Reply Brief, filed October 20, 2003 and for any further action as deemed appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e. abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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